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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation  
(Report #42 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. Little further news on the current status of the fighting has been received since our last Report.
2. An Indian Defense Ministry spokesman today summarized casualty figures to date held by New Delhi. According to his statement, Pakistan has lost 1,847 killed and 320 captured, 55 planes destroyed, and 200 tanks destroyed and 34 captured. Indian losses were 612 killed (no wounded or captured were listed) and about 50 to 60 tanks destroyed. No figures on aircraft losses were revealed which may indicate heavier losses than the Indians care to admit.
3. The defense spokesman asserted that Indian forces had penetrated seven miles into Pakistani territory in the Lahore sector and that Indian artillery can now hit the Lahore airport. The deepest Pakistani penetration was said to be in the Chhamb sector, where Pakistani forces are 10 to 14 miles inside Indian Kashmir. The over-all impression, he said, was that while Pakistan had some superior equipment, its high command placed too much reliance on the use of tanks, which the Indians had been able to counter with their antitank weapons.
4. Despite India's assurances yesterday that it would suspend shelling around Lahore during the airlift evacuation, which was carried out successfully, the Indian Army throughout the entire morning provided the heaviest shelling of the nearby area yet heard by the Lahore Consulate General.
5. Prime Minister Shastri publicly stated after U Thant's departure that "it should be clear to all that the defensive operations in which our armed forces are engaged must continue with unabated vigor."

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6. An Indian external affairs official has informed the US Embassy in New Delhi that India has accepted U Thant's proposal for an unconditional cease-fire as soon as U Thant can confirm that Pakistan has agreed to do likewise. Timing would depend on when India received this confirmation. In any case, it would now be too late to inform Indian forces in the field to stop firing as of early morning of 16 September, as U Thant had requested. The Indian official stated further that the next step following a cease-fire would have to be withdrawal under the Security Council's supervision to positions held by both countries as of 5 August.

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